

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 24 and 25 have been amended, claim 23 has been canceled, and new claims 26-29 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-22 have been previously withdrawn. Thus, claims 24-29 are pending in this application and subject to examination.

Summary of Examiner Interview

As a preliminary matter, the Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesy extended by the Examiner in granting a personal interview with the Applicant and the Applicant's representative on November 6, 2006. During the interview, the Applicant provided an overview of example practical applications of the invention.

Rejection of claims 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, claims 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 23 has been canceled, claims 24 and 25 have been amended responsive to the rejection. The Applicant submits that claims 24-29 are in compliance with US patent practice. Accordingly, claims 24-29 are allowable, and the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

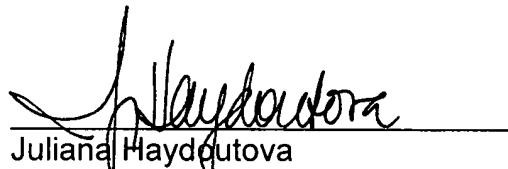
Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending patentably distinguish the present invention from the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 028764-00002.

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